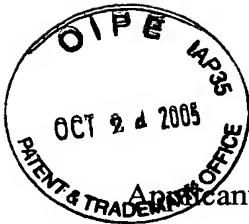


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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated 03 October 2005, Applicants elect Claims 1-21 (the claims of Group I) for further prosecution. Please amend this patent application as follows.

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